

Battle of the Books

Ghost Soldier by Elaine Marie Alphin

- 1) IWB was the spring break going to be special? (p.1)
- 2) IWB was it 3 years, 2 months and 23 days since Mom left? (p.1)
- 3) IWB does the father write computer software for a living? (p.2)
- 4) IWB is the house in Indiana wired with the latest computer stuff? P.2
- 5) IWB is the garden overgrown, trees overgrown and the house needs to be fixed up? P. 2,3
- 6) IWB does the house have wind chimes hanging from the front porch? P.3
- 7) IWB did one of the character's parents get killed by a driver who ran a red-light and hit him?
P. 3
- 8) IWB is the father stocky and have a balding head with rust-colored hair pulled back in a ponytail? P.4
- 9) IWB is one of the characters a professor at Duke University in Durham NC? P.5
- 10) IWB did two boys share a room and sleep on dinosaur sheets? P.5
- 11) IWB did the main character like people history? P.5
- 12) IWB is Stegosaurus one of the characters favorite kind of dinosaur? P.5
- 13) IWB did a kid ask the visiting man, "are you going to be my new father?" p.6
- 14) IWB did the Mom tell history stories at bedtime instead of fairy tales? P.6
- 15) IWB did the Mom often tell the story of Odysseus to her son? P.6
- 16) IWB did the main character want to wait on his Mom to come home? P.7
- 17) IWB did the main character's Mom make him a braided, leather lariat for him to wear on his wrist? P.7
- 18) IWB did one of the characters do probability research? P.8
- 19) IWB could you sit on the front porch and smell the sweet scent of honeysuckle? P.9
- 20) IWB is every flat surface covered with crystal sculptures (stars, mountains, and leaping animals) all cut like jewels? P.10
- 21) IWB when you are walking through the house do you feel like you could be walking through the broken heart of a geode? P.10
- 22) IWB is there a dinosaur wind chime in the bedroom? P.10
- 23) IWB is there a sailboat wind chime in the bathroom? P.10
- 24) IWB is there a Space Warrior that will use his ray gun to erase what is on your computer screen? P.11
- 25) IWB is there a Defender of the Galaxy? P.11
- 26) IWB does the main character's father want to get re-married? P. 12
- 27) IWB does the main character play the recorder? P.13
- 28) IWB did the main character learn to play the recorder for just himself and his Mom? P.13
- 29) IWB does the strong scent of a cut open orange signal the beginning of a vision? P.14
- 30) IWB does the main character hear the heavy tramp of marching feet and boots scraping on stones? P.14
- 31) IWB does the main character see in the moonlight a group of men wearing broad-brimmed hats? P.14
- 32) IWB does the character see dirty soldiers carrying guns? P.15
- 33) IWB does the main character see ghosts? P.15
- 34) IWB is the main character a runner and on the track team? P.16
- 35) IWB did the main character see ghosts when he was only five? P.16

- 36)IWB when the main character sees ghosts for the first time, does he see barefoot Indians with threadbare blankets draped over their shoulders ? p.16
- 37)IWB can a character see through a window in time? P.17
- 38)IWB can a character see events that really happened in the past? P.17
- 39)IWB does the Mom describe the seeing as ghosts as "special"? p.17
- 40)IWB does the main character feel like a geek wearing a plaid flannel shirt? P.18
- 41)IWB does the main character live in Indiana? P.18
- 42)IWB does the main character's parents divorce? P.19
- 43)IWB does the main character's Mom tell him stories about the Trojan War? P.19
- 44)IWB is a professor researching her family genealogy? P.21
- 45)IWB does someone want to know who her family was because it tells you something about who you are? P.23
- 46)IWB does the main character's Mom not tell about her family and does not want photos taken? P.25
- 47)IWB does the main character see men leading horses across a swamp? P.26
- 48)IWB does the main character see men in rusty armor with puffy sleeves, wearing curved helmets on their heads? P.26
- 49)IWB does the main character see men inch across rickety wooden bridges, swaying above the deep part of the river? P.27
- 50)IWB does the main character see men tug at their horses, knee deep in sticky mud? P.27
- 51)IWB does the father of the main character not believe he can see ghosts? P. 27
- 52)IWB does the main character wear a blue and grey flannel shirt over a t-shirt? P.29
- 53)IWB does the main character get in trouble for going for a run in the morning? P.29
- 54)IWB does the main character like slices of bread with peanut butter and marmalade? P.30
- 55)IWB does the main character lie about getting car sick if he doesn't sit in the backseat? P.30/31
- 56)IWB does the main character drop a blob of marmalade on the car seat? P.31
- 57)IWB does the main character go on a trip to see the battlefield at St. Petersburg? P.31
- 58)IWB does a character miss her Dad just as the main character misses his Mom? P.32
- 59)IWB did one of the Dads find battlefields boring? P.32
- 60)IWB are there earthworks? P. 33
- 61)IWB did the characters learn that General Grant captured Petersburg? P.34
- 62)IWB did a character try to climb into a display bomb proof? P.35
- 63)IWB does the main character watch a movie of the surprise attack at Fort Stedman? P.36
- 64)IWB did the main character hold his breath during a film of the reenactment of Fort Stedman attack? P.36
- 65)IWB was the main character interested in the battle at Fort Stedman because guys made a last-ditch effort and failed? And because so many died.P.37
- 66)IWB do the trenches look like waves? P.38
- 67)IWB do the actors in the reenactment wear blue uniforms? P. 39
- 68)IWB does the main character explore before the reenactment begins hoping to see ghosts again? P. 40
- 69)IWB do the characters visit Petersburg on March 25 – the same day of the attack on Fort Stedman? P.40
- 70)IWB does the main character explore the area marked "keep off earthworks?" p.42
- 71)IWB does the main character hear a voice yell "Gunner! Load canister!?" p.42
- 72)IWB does the slip into a sunken hole as the word "Fire" is yelled? P.42
- 73)IWB does the main character hear a terrible explosion and smell bitter orange, and feel mud and icy water slosh over his feet at the bottom of the hole? P.42

- 74)IWB does a terrible explosion go off in front of the main character and a cannon rolls backward towards him? P.42
- 75)IWB does the main character jump away from a cannon holding his hands over both ears? P.42
- 76)IWB does the main character get shoved by cold hands and yelled at "Here, you!" "get down!" ? p.43
- 77)IWB does the main character hear steady drumming sound and popping noises, almost like kernels of popcorn? P.43
- 78)IWB does the main character watch a boy hammer his drumsticks on a drumhead in an unending rolling sound as if his life depended on it? P.43
- 79)IWB does the main character watch men in brown and grey coats ram long rods down the barrel of a muskets? P.43
- 80)IWB does the parking lot turn into a muddy space stretching away into smoky haze? P.43
- 81)IWB does the main character crouch low and hug the ground in desperation as a minie balls fly into the fort? P.44
- 82)IWB does the main character step back into the past and become a part of the past? P.44
- 83)IWB does the main character feel he is being called by a man in uniform with a high collar, mud spattered gold braid on his shoulder? P.44
- 84)IWB does the main character watch as the men in grey uniforms retreat? P.45
- 85)IWB does the main character have earth walls towering above him with sodden sand bags piled on top? P.45
- 86)IWB is the drummer boy ordered to carry a critical message? P.46
- 87)IWB does the main character hide himself under planks feeling terrified, freezing and helpless? P.46
- 88)IWB is the main character prodded with a cold boot to go? P.46
- 89)IWB does the character blend in with the uniformed men because he is wearing jeans and a plaid shirt? P. 47
- 90)IWB is the character called an "out-of-timer"? p.47
- 91)IWB does the main character meet a ghost named Chamblee? P.47
- 92)IWB is Chamblee described as the fastest and straightest shooter? P.47
- 93)IWB is does a ghost ask the main character for help? P.48
- 94)IWB does the main character watch the union troops attack and kill men all around him? P.48/49
- 95)IWB does the main character watch as men run out of ammunition and fall dead or run? P.49
- 96)IWB does the main character watch as a boy grabs a bayonet and charge the leader of the union attack? P.50
- 97)IWB does an explosion deafen the main character as the boy he spoke to is shot with muskets? P.50
- 98)IWB does the distant clapping bring the main character back to the present? P.50
- 99)IWB does the main character fall into the past and something that was worse than he had ever imagined? P.50
- 100) IWB is the main character feel clammy and sick because of his experience at Petersburg? P.51
- 101) IWB does the main character go sit in the van because he is sick after seeing ghosts? P.52
- 102) IWB is the main characters car surprisingly chilly, although it had been parked in the hot sun? p.52
- 103) IWB does the boy with huge, black eyes from the reenactment float in the rear seat of the van? P.52

- 104) IWB does a boy from the past float in the air? P.52
- 105) IWB does a boy from the past carry a knapsack and a tall musket with a bayonet fastened to the side of it? P. 52
- 106) IWB does the main character tell the ghost "No" and "go away"? p. 53
- 107) IWB is the main character scared, instead of thrilled, when the ghost he has seen comes to talk with him? P.53
- 108) IWB does the main character meet a ghost friend named Chamblee? P.52
- 109) IWB is Chamblee - Richard Francis Chamblee - a private In D Company of the 49th? P. 53
- 110) IWB is the main character called "RED"? P. 53
- 111) IWB is the main character told he was "sent to help Chamblee"? p.53
- 112) IWB does the main character refuse to help the ghost? P. 54
- 113) IWB does Chamblee need to return to Two Stirrups? P. 54
- 114) IWB is the main character the only one able to see the ghosts? P.54
- 115) IWB does the main character talk the ghost, but his family thinks he is really talking to them? p.55
- 116) IWB did the main character wish the ghost would disappear? P.56
- 117) IWB did the main character rub his arms through his flannel sleeves? P.57
- 118) IWB does it get cold when Chamblee is around? P.57
- 119) IWB does the main character see a face with hollow eyes staring at him in the van? P.58
- 120) IWB does the ghost tell the main character that he is "sticking with him like a burr on a horse or until you help me" ? p.58
- 121) IWB does the ghost lay siege to the main character? P.58
- 122) IWB does the ghost walk with the main character every step of the way? P.58
- 123) IWB does the main character decide he does not want to be poked and prodded by the medical center at Duke University? P.59
- 124) IWB does the main character choose chicken nuggets as his meal from a fast food restaurant? P.59
- 125) IWB does the ghost ask about the overgrown garden? P.60
- 126) IWB does the ghost's musket make a thunk noise on the steps as he goes up them? p.60
- 127) IWB is the main character called an "out-of-timer- because he can see the battle at Fort Stedman? P.60
- 128) IWB does the main character call the ghost an _out-of-timer? P. 61
- 129) IWB does the main character feel cold and a bitter orange taste in his mouth when a ghost is with him? P.61
- 130) IWB does the main character live a whole life in the night? P.63
- 131) IWB can the ghost haunt the main character's dreams? P.63
- 132) IWB does the ghost ask for help to find out about his family? P.64
- 133) IWB were the wind chimes bought for a character's Mom? P.64
- 134) IWB were boxes of unopened chimes found? P.65
- 135) IWB did the hanging of the chimes mean the Dad was not returning? P.65
- 136) IWB did the ghost lose his mother and sister? P.66
- 137) IWB did everyone lose the people they loved best in their families? P.66
- 138) IWB did the main character think his mother might have left because he was scared to try new things? P.66
- 139) IWB was the main character scared to help the ghost because he might fail? P.66
- 140) IWB does the main character help set the table for Sunday dinner? P.67

- 141) IWB does the ghost get upset when the main character ignores him? P.67
- 142) IWB does the ghost cause the kids to drop silverware and dishes as they are setting the table for Sunday dinner? P.68
- 143) IWB does the girl blame the main character for something the ghost causes? P.68
- 144) IWB does the family explain the coldness and odd happenings on a freak wind? P.69
- 145) IWB is the ghost filled with sadness? P.69
- 146) IWB does the main character barely eat his meal because he is shaken by the ghost? P.70
- 147) IWB does the smell of oranges drench the porch when the ghost is around? P.70
- 148) IWB does the ghost float a little above things as if he were sitting on them? p.71
- 149) IWB does the main character play the song "Simple Gifts" ? p.71
- 150) IWB is the main character angry at his mom for telling him he is special for seeing ghosts, but then leaves for him to deal with on his own? P.71
- 151) IWB does the ghost want to apologize for scaring the girl and causing her to break the plate? P.71
- 152) IWB does the main character play "Dixie" and "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" ? p.71
- 153) IWB does the ghost play a harmonica? P.72
- 154) IWB does music bring peace between the characters? P.72
- 155) IWB is the name Richeson a family name – grandfather on the mother's side? P.72
- 156) IWB is one of the characters named after Francis Scott Key? P.72
- 157) IWB is Rich the name friends use for the ghost? P.72
- 158) IWB does the main character get used to the smell of oranges and coldness? P. 73
- 159) IWB does the ghost expect the out-of-timer to help him find what happened to his family? P.73
- 160) IWB can a character stand on the ground, see and hear humans, but cannot hold things? P.73
- 161) IWB does the ghost retain his senses – seeing, hearing, feeling, even tasting? P.73
- 162) IWB can the ghost not hold anything or really stand, just float? P. 73
- 163) IWB can the ghost hold things from only his time or life? P.73
- 164) IWB does the character try to hold something from out-of –time, but it is so cold it burns his finger and causes it to be numb? P.74
- 165) IWB does the ghost own a farm in Wake County near Stirrup Iron Creek, called Two Stirrups? P.74
- 166) IWB did the ghost live on a 70 acre farm? P.74
- 167) IWB did the ghost's farm grow tobacco and vegetables? P.74
- 168) IWB did the ghost have two older brothers? P.74
- 169) IWB does the main character ache to work on the garden? P.75
- 170) IWB does the main character's mother love flowers? P. 75
- 171) IWB does the ghost have a family of 5 children that survived and 4 that died? P.75
- 172) IWB did the ghost mother died just before he was 10 and the main character's mother left just before he turned 10? P.75
- 173) IWB does the ghost miss his sister Louise? P.76
- 174) IWB was the kid 15 when he entered the army? P.76
- 175) IWB did the character pretend to be 16 so he could join the army? P.77
- 176) IWB does the main character work on the garden that he is just visiting? P.77
- 177) IWB did a character have both his father and 2 brothers in the Army? P.77
- 178) IWB does the main character learn about Sherman Raiders? P.78
- 179) IWB does the character want to return home to Two Stirrups to protect his sister?p.78

- 180) IWB had both characters made up their minds to fight for their families, just in different ways? P.79
- 181) IWB did the ghost almost desert the army? P.79
- 182) IWB was the ghost told to "stand fast" and do his job? P.80
- 183) IWB did the ghost stand fast at Fort Stedman even when pushed back by the blue coats?p.81
- 184) IWB does the ghost drift in limbo after he was killed because he needs to find out what happened to his sister? P.81
- 185) IWB is the ghost just like Odysseus coming home from the Trojan War? P.81
- 186) IWB did both main characters hear stories of Odyssey? P.82
- 187) IWB does the ghost learn to reach through things and ride on a wagon to get home? P.82
- 188) IWB does the ghost find his sister gone when he returns home? P.82
- 189) IWB when the ghost returns home does he find his family gone, fields burned, and the barn and house burned? P.83
- 190) IWB has the ghost searched other farms for his family? P.83
- 191) IWB is something in the hiding place for Rich? P.84
- 192) IWB is the hiding place a hollow in an oak tree? P.84
- 193) IWB is the ghost convinced his sister Louise left a note for him in the hiding place? P.84
- 194) IWB did the characters hide sweets from the kitchen in a secret hiding place? P. 84
- 195) IWB does the character find an old soprano recorder wedged in the back of an empty drawer? P. 85
- 196) IWB does the main character teach himself to play the soprano recorder because he felt his Mom had left it for him? P.85
- 197) IWB does the ghost need the main character to open a box and read a note? P.85
- 198) IWB does the ghost know that his sister will be gone, but knowing that his family survived will be worth his effort at Fort Stedman? P.85
- 199) IWB does the main character agree to help a ghost? P.85
- 200) IWB does the main character feel it was meant to be for his father to meet someone and take him to Durham NC? P.86
- 201) IWB does the main character wonder if the Oak tree with the hiding place is still standing since 1865?p.86
- 202) IWB does the father wear a tie and jacket to visit Research Triangle Park? P.87
- 203) IWB does the main character ask what is in Research Triangle Park? P.87
- 204) IWB is the Research Triangle Park also the Silicon Valley of the South? P.88
- 205) IWB does the father interview for a job in Research Triangle Park? P.88
- 206) IWB does the main character think that the Research Triangle is shaped more like a jalapeno pepper? P.88
- 207) IWB is Research Triangle Park located along Stirrup Iron Creek? P.89
- 208) IWB does the main character hope his Dad messes up his interview?p.89
- 209) IWB does the main character think his Dad may be bored with life in Indiana?p.90
- 210) IWB is the father in the 10 percent who love programming for life?p.90
- 211) IWB is the job a job of programming? P.91
- 212) IWB does the main character think the company is a supersecret spy center?p.92
- 213) IWB does the main character have to go through a guard gate to enter? P.93
- 214) IWB are the characters met at the front door by guards? P.93
- 215) IWB are the characters told that security is tight? P.94
- 216) IWB does the main character wait outside the secure area so he can talk to the ghost?

- 217) IWB does the main character explain that the Research Triangle Park is not a home but a business and they worry about someone stealing their computer programs?p.96
- 218) IWB did the ghost return to Two Stirrups every 20 or 30 years still searching for his sister?p.96
- 219) IWB are there ghosts that cannot rest who stay together at Fort Stedman? P.96
- 220) IWB is the main character told that "When the right out-of-timer comes for one us, you know it. It's meant to happen."p.96
- 221) IWB has the ghost been inside the business and watched people work with tiny strips of gold and copper, laying them down in patterns?p.97
- 222) IWB is the ghost excited that computers are made on his farm? P.98
- 223) IWB does the ghost learn that a computer could calculate the correct angles to fire mortars? P.98
- 224) IWB does the main character see old pine trees and search for oak trees?p.99
- 225) IWB does the main character not find the oak tree with the secret hiding place? P. 100
- 226) IWB does the ghost realize that someone has found his silver box and opened it? P. 101
- 227) IWB did the main character think he shouldn't be the right out-of-timer? P. 102
- 228) IWB did someone thump the butt of his musket on the ground? P.103
- 229) IWB did the main character shake his head helplessly, gripping the picnic table? P.104
- 230) IWB does the main character ask, "What's wrong with my walking around?" P.105
- 231) IWB did the main character's dad look embarrassed? P.106
- 232) IWB did the main character take the 10:45 bus to Raleigh instead of Durham? P.107
- 233) IWB did the main character climb out of the bus with Rich? P.108